

HENDRIK KANISE COMBINED SCHOOL



June 2018



PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

Greetings to all,

It is surreal that this term has reached its end, time comes fleetingly fast. It is time to reflect on the amazing and productive term we had. Allow me to borrow and pay tribute to the great words from the great statesman, **President Nelson Mandela:**

'Education is the great engine of personal development. It is through education that the daughter of a peasant can become a doctor, the son of a mineworker can become the head of the mine: That the child of farm workers can become the president of great nation'

As HKCS the objective is to play enabling role of development in our learners with the following objectives:

- Development of citizenship
- Personal growth in self-improvement
- Occupational preparation

Principle goal of education is to create people who are capable of doing new things, not simply of repeating of what other generation's have done.

Our school is the product of the community it serves, it is therefore inevitable that it will be unaffected by the social ills. With the scourge of Drugs and substance abuse gripping communities and affecting our youth, it became important that much energy be spent on awareness campaigns working closely with social partners. Drugs and substances abuse campaigns were held at the school involving department of Health and SAPS.

On a brighter side, an overwhelming support was received from **SHAMWARI CONSERVATION** with a donation of state-of-the-art music equipment. We believe new talents will be unearthed and our talented learners will grab the opportunity for the future.

We wish to express our gratitude to our partners **SIFUNDA KUNYE** who had become our lifeline for the support and generosity in making schooling better to our learners. The funding of the Matriculants Camp will surely make a massive contribution in learner attainment levels, thus a higher percentage pass rate for 2018.

Two of our learners in Grade 11 will be attending Department of Education 14th Annual Youth Conference at Nelson Mandela University in Port Elizabeth starting on 26-29 June, 2018.

The sports took a trip to J-Bay, the soggy weather condition didn't dampen the spirits. A great outing, indeed.

Allow me to wish you a peaceful winter break. Keep safe in our roads. Save water.

All the best!

Myona, M.P [Principal]

P.S: School reopens on July, 17 2018

POINTS OF INTERESTS

- Girls Club
- Reading Club
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- Miss & Mr Fresher
- School's sports
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READING CLUB

On the 29 of May 2019 we had our first reading club session where the teachers that went to Kieskamahoek were introducing the reading club to the school and training the facilitators on what they will be doing when the club has started running.

The session was educational and fun, even Lulibo Dywili who is doing Grade 6 said, *“When I heard that the school is going to have a reading club, I thought maybe all we are going to do in the club is read. I was so surprised when Mrs Ncula read a book and made us comfortable and listen to her story and ask us questions at the same time. We had a lot of fun, that’s why when the teachers told us that the session is over we didn’t want to leave the room.”*

We started with 10 learners and we are going to work with this number until the facilitators get comfortable with the program before we can invite more kids to this fun club. The teachers involved in this club are all the language teachers and the foundation teachers together with the facilitator who will be seeing that the club sessions are taking place and

that the club’s facilitators are meeting before each sessions to discuss the program for that particular day and try to divide the work amongst each of the club’s facilitators.



The Reading club introductory session setup before and during the session.



HENDRIK KANISE GIRLS CLUB

The girls club consist of a group of 20 girls that joined the group hoping to understand and learn more about the challenges that face young girls in the modern world. These girls meet every week to discuss some of these issues and the group also spends some of their time recycling old materials because that way they are also taught how to use your skills to put food on the table. The group has 5 facilitators and has done quite a number of activities such as making Mother's day cards for teachers, recycling old jeans to make bags, recycling old T-shirts to make mats. The teachers involved in this club are Miss Williams, Mrs Clay, Mrs Titi and the facilitator Miss Swayi. The club started holding sessions on the 7th of May 2018 and the club is expected to be launched next term.

The Mission of the club is:

- ⦿ To arm our girls with **skills** and **knowledge** so that they can impart it to everyone they are into contact with.
- ⦿ Help them to **love God** and themselves.
- ⦿ To build the girl's **self-esteem** and **self-worth**.
- ⦿ To help the girls become **self-sufficient** and **self-reliant**.
- ⦿ To help girls to **be helpful** in the immediate communities and to their fellow student.
- ⦿ To help girls build a bond of **sisterhood** that will see them helping each other up.

And the club's Vision is to help them:

- ⦿ To be kind and sensible
- ⦿ To respect self and others
- ⦿ To grow up to be responsible citizens
- ⦿ To be young adults who contribute positively to their school and society
- ⦿ To be able to make better choices in their lives.
- ⦿ To take pride in their appearance and conduct.

The club wishes to start recycling and sell their recycled projects so they can be able to make money.



WRITING CLUB WITH BIG DREAMS

A dedicated group of 15 members that attended Sifunda Kunye writing camp in Keiskammahoek last year has launched their own writing club at school, under guidance from Sifunda Kunye facilitator Yonela Swayi the members meet up every week to write their own short stories and poetry.

Asemahle Dyantyi who is in Grade 11 and is now a facilitator of the Writing Club wrote a poem for Freedom Day.

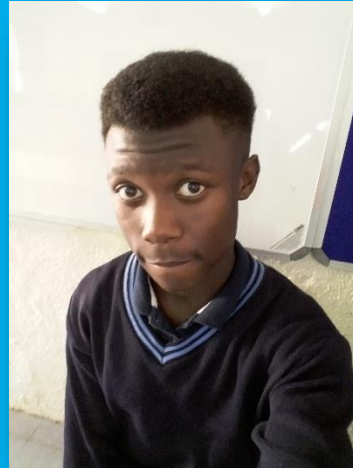
Freedom Day (A new page in South Africa's history)

*1994 was the year it all changed
Where we all voted as one
And opened a new page*

*Before, it wasn't easy
But we managed to get by
If a white and black man person met
It was hard to say hi*

*Nowadays it's quite simple
Because we're one as a nation
We can broaden our horizons
And free our imagination*

*We can pave new roads for the new generation
We can pray for better days
Because we're God's creation.*



Asemahle Dyantyi – GRADE 11

Asemahle Dyantyi says he learnt to write in Grade 8 and since then he hasn't stopped and he has nurtured that skill ever since then. By going to the camp, he has learned about different styles of poems and different types of stories. He would like the club to help young minds learn as well as write their own stories and poems so that they can better their speech and writing and as well as their reading skills. And Sinesipho Habana said he has always been writing short stories and poems, the Sifunda Kunye Writing camp helped in bettering he's writing skills and now he's hope for the club to help learners that are shy about showcasing their writing skills to be able to come out of their shells and he wishes for the club to focus more on the young children so that they can be able to learn how to write at a young age.



THE MUSIC CLUB



The music club is one of our newest club that will be run by the school's choir master Mrs Clay. With the help of The Shamwari Group we were able to start the club with new Musical Instruments that they have donated to the school. The club has been setup to encourage talent in musical-instruments as well as vocal. The purpose of the Music club will be to organise performances, practice sessions, teaching and learning, appreciation and even discussions of music in an open and informal setting. The main objective would be to help the learners retain and enhance their own, individual love for music. As there are many talented musicians in our school it would be beneficial to put all musicians in one place and see what happens.

This year we are gunning for nothing but success.



THE ECO-CLUB

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else. Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have. We won't have a society if we destroy the environment." - **Margaret Mead**



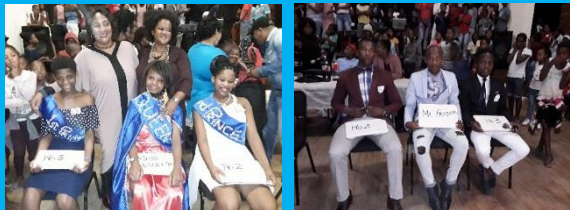
The purpose of the club is to create awareness of environmental issues, such as protection, conservation, preservation, and restoration, with an emphasis on educating and empowering students. Students who are interested in environmental advocacy and awareness are encouraged to join. This term the group has focused on the plantation project and are looking after their garden. Results are incredible and we are hoping when the school reopens, we will be reaping what we sow.

Eco Club



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FUN TIMES MISS & MR FRESSHER



On the 10 of April 2018 the school held a show for all the school new comers where they modelled in formal and casual 4th learners showed up in numbers and the parents attend to show moral support. The learners always show support buy show casing their talents and are given a platform to perform and their performances are always enjoyed by the learners. But this time around the most enjoyed performance was done by Ayola Maneli and Inga Kula(In Grade 10) who acted about a young boy staying with he's drunkard father and another performance made by Dano Siphesihle(In Grade 8) where he sang a love song. Learners really enjoy these type of events because they get a chances to entertain other learners.

HKGC MOVIE AFTERNOON



On the 14th of June the Girls Club hosted a movie afternoon for the juniors and the seniors. The juniors watched a movie called Throne of the Elves that taught them about trust and how important family is. The senior's movie was Kingsman: The Golden Circle which was very helpful considering the fact that we are facing many challenges about drug abuse, the movie focused mainly on drugs and how they are destroying. By watching the movie they have seen that the drug dealers don't care about the buyers they only care about the money they are making. Next time will be hosting a horror movie night.



TEACHERS OUTING

Teachers from our school visited St Matthews high school in keiskammhoek to attend training and visit Sifunda Kunye reading club during the weekend of the 13 of April 2018 to 14 April 2018. The teachers felt very excited about the trip and they had so much fun in kieskamahoek and they were amazed by the work that is done in the reading cub, and are hoping to launch their reading club on in May of 2018. Teacher Mrs Ncula she quite amazed by how the children in Kieskamahoek enjoy these classes and is hoping to see the same reaction in our community. And Mrs Clay added by saying the visit to kieskamahoek was really enjoyable and she wishes nothing but success for the school's reading club and she hope the learners will grab the opportunity of joining the reading club with both hands. Miss Sati was really happy about visiting Kieskamahoek and she said that the weekend was really good and enjoyable. She won't forget meeting a child there that reminded her of one of the school's ex learner who goes by the name of Mashimpu, overall all the teachers have good things to say about the weekend.

SPORTS

SCHOOL SPORTS



The sports this year has been taken very seriously because with the help of the caretaker Mr Gqotolo and the new rugby coach Edward, the teams have become stronger and the learners are also committed now. In the school we have 5 teams for Rugby, Netball and Soccer. Our support system has grown because with the help of Khulisanani Organisation from Port Elizabeth the learners are learning new skills from them and they have been a great help to the school. The teams also had a very fun season and fair matches as they have lost and also won some matches against other schools. The highlight of it all was when the learners went to Jeffrey's bay to play with Makukhanye Primary School. The netball teams lost two matches and won one and the soccer teams lost one match and won two.

KSD Youth Day Festival



Khulasande is a non profit organisation formed with a vision to develop young athletes from previously advantaged communities, through providing opportunities to participate in well organised and supervised recreational programmes. The school started at the beginning of the year to be part of this program and so far we are working very well and we are also learning new thing from the program. The Development hosted a tournament for the school and two other schools from grahamstown and one from reibek East. Because we were hosting the event, I think it was only fair that we show the other schools whats we are capable of and we did just that. Our netball team and the soccer team won themselves trophys and we have a few of learners who also took part in cross country. The event was very entertaining and very successful regardless of the weather.

TEACHER'S SPORTS.



This term the teachers are trying new things, such as teaming up with the government workers to form Soccer team and play against local teams. This event takes place every once in a while where some of our teachers team up and have matches in the community sports ground. The team with the teachers in it have won most of the games.

EDU BASED

AIDS Candlelight Memorial



The International AIDS Candlelight Memorial, coordinated by the Global Network of People living with HIV is one of the world's oldest and largest grassroots mobilization campaigns for HIV awareness in the world. Started in 1983, the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial takes place every third Sunday in May and is led by a coalition of some 1,200 community organizations in 115 countries. We as the school have also adapted to this by holding candlelight memorial. This year we did it in the 24th of May 2017.

LIBRARY COMPETITION



BY – Inathi Habana (Grade 11)

On this day four learners from our school (including myself) received prizes that we have won from attending a Library competition that was held in Grahamstown. We did book discussions, maths 24 and book search. The whole idea behind the event was to celebrate Library Week. I won 2nd place as Asemahle Dyantyi and I were in the book discussion category, Lihle mgoqi did a book search and Sinovuyo Bhusakhwe did Maths 24. The event was very fun and we enjoyed everything that was done

RCL INDUCTION



On the 18th of April the school had an RCL Induction where in the event the parents were invited so that they can give badges to their children who are in the RCL committee. The event was a very short one the purpose was to introduce to the learners the new RCL2018 members.

WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY



World No Tobacco Day (WNTD) is observed around the world every year on 31 May. It is intended to encourage a 24-hour period of abstinence from all forms of tobacco consumption around the globe. The day is further intended to draw attention to the widespread prevalence of tobacco use and to negative health effects, which currently lead to nearly 6 million deaths each year worldwide, including 600,000 of which are the result of non-smokers being exposed to second-hand smoke. The member states of the World Health Organization (WHO) created World No Tobacco Day in 1987. In the past twenty one years, the day has been met with both enthusiasm and resistance around the globe from governments, public health organizations, smokers, growers, and the tobacco industry.

We also celebrated the day and we had visitors from the South African Police Services and a motivational Speaker who has been through the journey of having his life controlled by substances such as Alcohol and Cigarettes. The learners were motivated and taught about the dangers of tobacco and how it destroys your life. We are hoping our learners took everything seriously as we are facing such challenges.

